Christ/God Visible #4 Pastor Kelvin Kauffeldt

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**Christ**, The Only Hope for Reconciliation

Col. 1:21-23

There is a real danger when encouragement is lacking in the life of a church family.

We are instructed in Heb. 3:12-13, to “encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today” …

Three grace filled reminders to boost our confidence in the hope found in Christ.

1. **Remember who you were** – *“once you were” …* (vs. 21)

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from God (Rom. 3:22-23; Eph. 2:1-3, 11-12)

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of your evil behaviour.

A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mind is critical to living a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life (Rom. 8:7-8)

We need to regularly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ­­*gospel* to ourselves.

 \**Reflect on who you were but don’t camp there!* (Php. 3:13)

1. **Remember what God has done** – *“but now he has …* (vs. 22)

-*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* you!

-How? by Christ’s *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* through *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* (Matt. 20:28; Eph 5:2)

-When? While we were *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of God (Rom. 5:8-10)

-Why? To *present* you:

 - *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* in his sight (Rom. 5:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:21)

 - without *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* and free from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:1-3)

*\*Rejoice in what Christ has accomplished on your behalf!* (Ps. 51:12)

1. **Remember your responsibility** – *“if you continue…* (vs. 23)

“In Paul’s theological understanding, divine *provision* does not preclude *human* responsibility” (Garland)

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the *faith*

-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & *firm*

-and do not *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* from the *hope* held out in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:14)

-faithfully serve as an *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* of reconciliation both in *word* & *good works* (2 Cor. 18-20)

*\*Resolve to live as a child of God!* (Rom. 12:1-2)

Have you been reconciled to God by receiving Christ as your personal saviour and Lord?

*-He is the way the truth and the life and no one can come to the Father but through Him (John 14:6)-*